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II. THE DEEPER SOURCES OF LOVE AND HATE

A. INFANTILE SEXUALITY

i. ORAL EROTISM AND SADISM (Biting and Spitting)

16.10.24, Robert and George, when supposed to be resting in the schoolroom, made a loud screaming noise; they then took the rugs, put the end hi their mouths and ran about.
(Note also 16.10.24 under GUILT AND SHAME.)

22.10.24. George again put the rugs into his mouth when resting. He always puts his plasticine into his mouth.

At lunch, Robert said, " Shall we wee-wee on the table ? "
and then suddenly, " Here's the wee-wee/" and spat on his plate.

24.10.24. (See incident under CASTRATION FEARS, THREATS AND SYMBOLISM.)

28.10.24. Cecil spat at the other children, in anger. (This developed in him spontaneously and suddenly, before any of the other children had spat, and was a difficulty for some weeks.)

29.10.24. When drinking out of their cups, the children made bubbling noises with their mouths. Benjie and Harold began it, and the others followed.

4.11.24. There was again much spitting and bubbling at lunch, and the children showed each other the food protruding from their mouths.

5.11.24. Benjie very often spits in defiance.

14.11.24. Benjie spat several times to-day, at Dan and at Mrs. I.

28.1.25. George and Frank, having climbed up to the window overlooking the lane, to see a motor, began to spit on to the window ; Dan joined in ; they all spat vigorously, and said, " Look at it running down." George also spoke of " belly ", and Frank of " ah-ah lu-lu " and " bim-bom ", both laughing.

12.2.25. George spent about two hours modelling. At first this was directed and constructive, but later on he began to fiddle with the plasticine, sitting vacantly with it and putting it into his mouth.

25.2.25. Harold had accidentally kicked Mrs. L's foot under the table, and this led him to say, " I'll undress you and take off your suspenders, and gobble you all up/